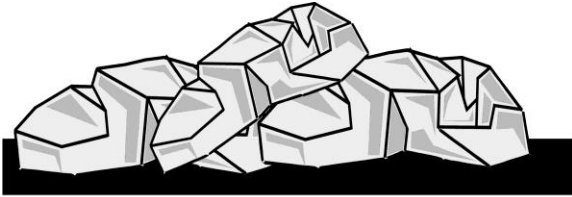


# Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 6, 2025

*“Then Jesus said, ‘Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore’.”*

-John 8:11



*Cast the first stone,  
if you are without sin!*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
<b>Monday</b>	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:12-20
<b>Tuesday</b>	Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
<b>Thursday</b>	Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
<b>Friday</b>	Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
<b>Saturday</b>	Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday-	April 5	4:00 PM	Frank Riancho	Frank & Rita DeRiancho
Sunday-	April 6	9:00 AM	Joan Gant Host	The Host Family
Monday-	April 7	12:00 PM	Peggy McDermott	
Tuesday-	April 8	12:00 PM	Caroline Coffey	
Wednesday-	April 9	12:00 PM	Felix Oleniacz	From the Family
Thursday-	April 10	12:00 PM	Caroline Coffey	
Friday-	April 11	12:00 PM	Minnie Licciardone	
Saturday-	April 12	4:00 PM	Wayne Hibbard	Cecilia & Milan Hibbard
Sunday-	April 13	9:00 AM	Anetta DeAngelo	Fran & George Calafut

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

This passage refers to the imminent return to Judah from exile in Babylon. The people are encouraged to look to the future when God will release them from captivity much as he freed their ancestors from captivity in Egypt. It is important for them to focus not on the past but what lies in store for them in the present.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Paul is explaining to all who might think that they have been saved through baptism, once and forever, that living in the present with hope in the resurrection is where all Christians should be. The crucifixion and resurrection of Christ is how Paul lives, not as one who has already been perfected but as one who strives for perfection. We live out the crucifixion and find our eternal joy in the promise of resurrection.

### Gospel Reading: John 8:1-11

Jesus wants all to know that God forgives sin, and in this story, he makes his point to those who would judge rather than forgive: if God forgives, who are we to condemn? He also recognizes that sin is a reality in human life and, when the crowd of self-righteous folks has left, instructs the woman to go and sin no more. One RC commentator suggests that when Jesus addresses the ‘adulterer’ as ‘woman’, he is extending dignity to her, and this fits perfectly with the tone of the story. When Jesus obliquely and quietly accuses the self-righteous crowd of also being sinners, he is extending some measure of dignity to them as well. God is not interested in humiliating or publicly accusing us of our sins; God is interested in forgiving us first and then encouraging us to get on with our lives *without continuing to sin*.



**MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY PRAYER CHAIN** are available to pray for you or your loved ones in need of prayer. Please call Maureen Van Nostrand at: 570-498-0760.

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Betsy Arnold & family, Eileen Baessler, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, Aiden Conklin, James Conklin, Kathleen Conklin, Odessa Cornell, Carmen Cruz, Wilma Daniels, Mary Ann DeWitt, Philip Donahue, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Phyllis Fritz, Maria Garvey, Brandy Golden, William Hector, Gerard Heiser, Jane Heiser, Byron Hilgner, Kevin Jenner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Shawn McGraw, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondy, Luis Muloski, Denelle Myers, Russel Nowalk, Alfred Place, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Sandra Seeger, Dorothy Sergeant, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Fran Tometchko, Florence Trowbridge, Rosemarie Whalen, Gerry Washack.



**LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PROUDLY SERVE IN THE MILITARY:**

Floyd Beamer, Thomas Butler, Daniel Daly, Christopher Jordan, James Kane, Mark Nowalk, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Aaron Taylor, Nancy Travis, and Travis Walter.



**PARISH FINANCES**

**3/30/2025**

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	3599.70

*Thank you for your generosity & support.*

**Stations of the Cross:**



Every Friday during Lent  
following the 12:00 PM Mass



**Easter Reconciliation**  
**Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> @2:00PM**

Confessions will be heard by  
Fr. Pio Mandato and Fr. Philip

Fr. Philip will continue hearing confessions  
every Saturday 3:00 – 3:30 PM



**Notice Regarding Reporting  
Sexual Abuse of a Minor**

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at [www.com-pass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.com-pass.state.pa.us/cwis). To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.



**Sunday, April 6 – 9:00 AM**

Stanley Grochal

**Sunday, April 13 – 9:00 AM**

**(Palm Sunday)**

Bernadetta Paolucci

**Thursday, April 17 – 7:00 PM**

**(Holy Thursday)**

Bernadetta and Albert Paolucci

Stanley Grochal

Lee John Sullivan

**Would you like to become an Altar Server? If so, please contact the rectory.**



Did you know the Rice Bowl campaign began in Allentown, PA? In an effort to bring help to those suffering from famine in Africa, a small group of Catholics started the cardboard box mission. This tradition has been carried on by Catholic families for the last 50 years. Thank you for your generous support over the years.

**CRS Rice Bowls** should be returned the weekend of Palm Sunday, but no later than Good Friday.

**FIAT DAYS**  
HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

**JUNE 23-25**

- Location: Marywood University
- Open to rising sophomores through graduating seniors in high school
- Adventure, Prayer, Dynamic Talks, Mass, Adoration, and Outdoor Activities
- Learn about vocations, better discern where God is calling you, and chat with religious sisters, priests, & Bishop Bambera
- Cost is \$25.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 16TH

**VOCATIONS**

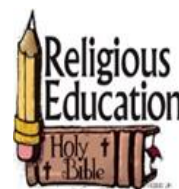


## Confirmation Corner

April 13....Service Hour booklets are due

April 27....Rehearsal for Confirmation at Most Holy Trinity Church in Susquehanna (time to be determined)

May 5....Confirmation Mass at Most Holy Trinity Church at 5:00 PM. Children should be there at 4:00.



## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Religious Education Classes are held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00AM, after the 9:00AM Mass.

If you are new to the parish and would like to register your child, forms will be available at the rectory, as well as online on the Holy Name of Mary Church website under the Religious Education portal. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the program, please call Fran Calafut at (570) 396-5879.

### Religious Education Schedule:

**April 6.....Regular Class**

**April 13.....Regular Class**

**April 20....Happy Easter....No Class**

**April 27.....Regular Class**

**May 4....First Holy Communion at 9:00**

Followed by Regular Class

**May 5....Confirmation Mass at 5:00 PM**

**Most Holy Trinity Church**

**May 11....Happy Mother's Day ...No Class**

**May 18....Regular Class...Final Class**



### **CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES ATTEND RETREAT**

The Religious Education Confirmation candidates from Holy Name of Mary Church attended a Confirmation retreat on Saturday, March 29, 2025 at St. Ann's Basilica in Scranton. The retreat was presented by Thomas Flynn and associates in the lower church area of St. Ann's. Approximately 65 children from area churches were in attendance. The retreat was well received by our candidates and their teachers...considering the contents of the retreat to be a wonderful event that was worthwhile and an enjoyable Faith enriching experience! The candidates and their family members then attended the 4:00 PM Mass in the Basilica for a beautiful culminating celebration of their Faith experience as part of the retreat process with Father Paisley as celebrant. Thank you to the children who participated in this event and to their parents for supporting the development of their Faith through the process of preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Also, a big thank you to their teachers who attended with them...Joni Host and Kathleen Host. We appreciate your enthusiasm and dedication to the Confirmation class and the time you give to the children of HNM parish.



**Pictured from left to right are: Ms. Joni Host, Stanley Grochal, Sophia Strobe, Penelope Follert, Matthew Parr, Lucas Mooney. Kneeling in front, Vincent Follert.**

## **HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE**

### ***Holy Thursday – April 17<sup>th</sup>***

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00PM

### ***Good Friday – April 18<sup>th</sup>***

Good Friday Service at 2:30PM:

Stations of the Cross followed by the Passion of the Lord.

**\*Start of Divine Mercy Prayer for the Nine Day Novena**

### ***Blessing Easter Baskets – April 18<sup>th</sup>***

Saturday Afternoon at 2:00PM

### ***Easter Vigil – April 19<sup>th</sup>***

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00PM

### ***Easter Sunday – April 20<sup>th</sup>***

Easter Sunday Mass at 9:00AM

### **Holy Week**

- Palm Sunday, Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem
- Monday of Holy Week, Jesus clears out the temple with a whip
- Tuesday of Holy Week, Jesus is anointed with oil at Bethany and preaches on the Mount of Olives
- Spy Wednesday, Jesus is betrayed by Judas
- Holy Thursday, Jesus celebrates the Last Supper, prays in the Garden of Gethsemane, and is arrested
- Good Friday, Jesus is sentenced to death, scourged, beaten, crucified, and dies on the Cross
- Holy Saturday, Jesus is buried in the tomb and descends into hell
- Easter Sunday, Jesus rises from the dead



### **Divine Mercy Sunday – April 27<sup>th</sup>**

In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion.

In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, please consider praying the Divine Mercy Nine Day Novena. It begins on Good Friday, finishing Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, after the 9:00 Mass. A Plenary Indulgence is granted for Praying this Novena and after making Confession.